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Applicant: Hidenori KAWANISHI et al. Group: 2828
Application No.: 09/466,174 Examiner: James A. Menefee
Filed: December 17, 1999 Conf.: 9854
For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE WITH SPOT-SIZE CONVERTER
AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF DRAWING APPROVAL

Commissioner for Patents
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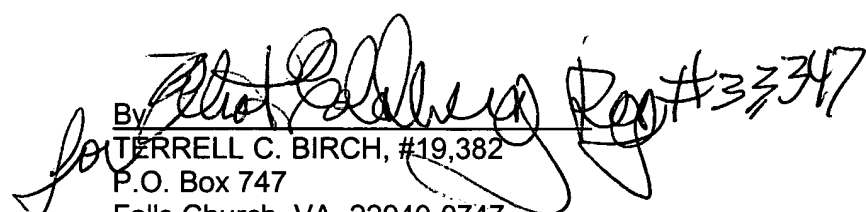
Sir:

We have recently received the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) in the above-identified case. In reviewing the Form PTOL-37, it has been noted that the drawings filed on 17 December 1999 and 21 June 2002 have been accepted by the Examiner. However, drawing corrections were filed in this application on 8 May 2002 rather than 21 June 2002. Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner issue a corrected Form PTOL-37 indicating that the drawing corrections filed on **8 May 2002** have been accepted.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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